

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application in light of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

I. Status of the Claims

Claims 1, 24-34, 42, 44, 52, 64, 65, 67, 69 and 70 have been canceled without prejudice. Claim 59 has been amended for clarity and to specify that the drug substance is tacrolimus. Claims 2-23, 36, 39-41, 43, 45-51, 53-57, and 66 have been amended for clarity and to depend from claim 59. Claims 71-90 have been added. Support for these amendments can be found at, for example, paragraphs 19, 50, 53, 56, 71, 73, 87, 96 and 214, Example 2, and Figure 2 of the published version of this application (US 2007/0122482). Claims 2-23, 36, 39-41, 43, 45-51, 53-57, 59, 66, and 71-90 will be pending upon entry of this amendment. No new matter has been added by way of this amendment.

II. Objection to the Specification

The specification has been objected to for reciting the trademark names for drugs on pages 26 and 27 of the specification without reciting their generic names. The specification has been amended to include the generic names for these drugs. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this objection.

The Examiner noted a typographical error in the trademark XENICAL®. This error has been correct.

III. Claim Objection

Claim 24 has been objected to by the Examiner. As this claim has been canceled (without prejudice), this objection is moot.

IV. Indefiniteness Rejection

Claims 1–34, 36, 39–57, 59, 64–67, 69 and 70 have been rejected as indefinite. The Examiner contends that it is unclear how in step iii), the one or more release-rate modifiers are added by dry mixing. The Examiner argues that mixing “is a process in which ingredients already present are manipulated to incorporate any newly added ingredients into those already present” (Office Action, p. 7). Thus, according to the Examiner, “it does not seem possible for an ingredient to be added by dry mixing” (*id.*).

Applicants note that claims 59 and 86 are the only independent claims at issue. Claim 59 calls for “dry mixing” in step (v).

The term “mix” is defined as “combine; blend; put together,” or “merge, unite, ... mingle” (*see* Exhibit 1, submitted herewith). Step (v), therefore, describes how the release-rate modifier is combined, blended or merged into the composition (*i.e.*, by dry mixing).

The Examiner argues that the claims are unclear because “step (iv) requires mechanically working the second composition and then applying it to the first composition, which seems to overlap with what is occurring in step (i)” (Office Action, p. 7).

Claims 59 and 86 do not call for mechanically working the *second* composition. Claim 59 calls for mechanically working the *resulting* composition. Therefore, this rejection does not apply to the pending claims.

For the reasons above, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this rejection.

V. Obviousness Rejections

Claims 1-34, 36, 39-57, 59, 64-67, 69 and 70 have been rejected as obvious over WO 03/004001 (“WO ‘001”).

The present claims call for a tacrolimus composition. WO ‘001 does not disclose tacrolimus. Therefore, a *prima facie* case of obviousness has not been established.

Furthermore, WO ‘001 does not disclose a tacrolimus composition containing hydroxypropyl methylcellulose in a sufficient amount to provide modified release of the tacrolimus (as recited in claims 74-76). Nor does WO ‘001 disclose a tacrolimus composition containing polyethylene glycol, poloxamer, and hydroxypropyl methylcellulose (as recited in claims 75 and 76).

For at least these reasons, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this rejection.

VI. Double Patenting Rejections

Claims 1–3, 5–8, 11–14, 16–18, 22–24, 26, 27, 36, 43, 45, 47, 48, 53 and 67 are rejected for obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1–18, 33–36, 38–42 and 44 of U.S. Patent No. 7,217,431 in view of Tousey. U.S. Patent No. 7,217,431 is the national stage entry of WO 03/004001 (“WO ‘001”). Tousey is a review of various granulation processes, and does not disclose or suggest a tacrolimus composition. Accordingly, Tousey does not cure the deficiencies of U.S. Patent No. 7,217,431. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this rejection for at least the reasons set forth above.

Claims 1-3, 5-8, 11-14, 16-18, 22-24, 26, 27, 36, 43, 45, 47, 48, 53 and 67 are provisionally rejected for obviousness-type double patenting over claims 57-77, 90-95, 99-105 and 107-116 of co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 11/711,965 in view of Tousey. U.S. 11/711,965 is a continuation of U.S. Patent No. 7,217,431, which is the national stage entry of WO ‘001. As stated above, Tousey does not cure the deficiencies of WO ‘001. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this rejection for at least the reasons set forth above.

CONCLUSION

Based on the above amendments and arguments, the subsisting claims are believed to be in condition for allowance, and such action is earnestly solicited. If there are remaining issues that the Examiner believes could be addressed by conducting an interview or entering an Examiner’s Amendment, the Examiner is cordially invited to contact the undersigned agent to discuss such issues.

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2 anything resembling or obscuring like mist. • *v.* cover or become covered with mist or as with mist. □ **mist'like** *adj.*

■ *n.* fog, haze, smog, cloud; drizzle, mizzle. • *v.* cloud (up or over), fog, dim, blur, film, steam up.

mis·take /místáyk/ • *n.* 1 incorrect idea or opinion; thing incorrectly done or thought. 2 error of judgment. • *v.tr.* (past **mis·took** /-tók/; past part. **mis·tak·en** /-táykən/) 1 misunderstand. 2 wrongly take or identify. 3 choose wrongly. □ **mis·tak'·a·ble** *adj.* **mis·tak'·a·bly** *adv.*

■ *n.* misconception, misapprehension, miscalculation; fault, slip, erratum; bad move, blunder. • *v.* 1 misinterpret, misjudge, misconstrue, get wrong, misread. 2 mix up with, confuse with, take for, misidentify as.

mis·tak·en /místáykən/ *adj.* 1 wrong. 2 misunderstood; incorrect. □ **mis·tak'en·ly** *adv.*

■ erroneous, fallacious, false, inaccurate, misconceived; flawed, warped.

mis·ter /místər/ *n.* title or form of address for a man.

mis·time /mís-tím/ *v.tr.* say or do at the wrong time.

mis·tle·toe /míseltō/ *n.* parasitic plant growing on apple and other trees and bearing white glutinous berries.

mis·took past of MISTAKE.

mis·treat /místreēt/ *v.tr.* treat badly. □ **mis·treat'ment** *n.*

■ abuse, maltreat, wrong; damage, harm; molest. □ **mis·treatment** abuse, maltreatment, ill use; molestation, brutalization, *sl.* roughing-up.

mis·tress /místreis/ *n.* 1 female head of a household. 2 woman in authority. 3 woman (other than his wife) with whom a married man has a (usu. prolonged) sexual relationship.

■ 3 lover, girlfriend, kept woman, the other woman, innamorata.

mis·tri·al /mís-tríal/ *n.* trial rendered invalid by procedural error.

mis·trust /mís-trúst/ • *v.tr.* 1 be suspicious of. 2 feel no confidence in. • *n.* 1 suspicion. 2 lack of confidence.

■ *v.* suspect, distrust, doubt, misdoubt, question. • *n.* distrust, doubt, skepticism, wariness, reservation.

mis·trust·ful /mís-trústfúl/ *adj.* 1 suspicious. 2 lacking confidence. □ **mis·trust'ful·ly** *adv.* **mis·trust'ful·ness** *n.*

mist'y /místee/ *adj.* (**mist'ier**, **mist'iest**) 1 of or covered with mist. 2 obscure; vague; dim. □ **mist'ily** *adv.* **mist'iness** *adj.*

■ cloudy, foggy, hazy; fuzzy, blurred; unclear.

mis·un·der·stand /misundər'stánd/ *v.tr.* (past and past part. **-un·der·stood** /-stóod/) 1 fail to understand correctly. 2 (usu. as **misunderstood** *adj.*) misinterpret.

■ misconceive, misconstrue, misapprehend, get wrong, misread, misjudge, miscalculate, miss the point of.

mis·un·der·stand·ing /misundər'stánding/ *n.* 1 failure to understand correctly. 2 slight disagreement or quarrel.

■ 1 misconception, misconstruction, misinterpretation, misapprehension, misreading. 2 discord, dispute, argument, difference, dissension, controversy, rift.

mis·use • *v.tr.* /misyúúz/ 1 use wrongly; apply to the wrong purpose. 2 ill-treat. • *n.* /misyúús/ wrong or improper use or application. □ **mis·us'er** *n.*

■ *v.* 1 abuse, misapply, misemploy, misappropriate; pervert. 2 see MISTREAT. • *n.* misapplication, misusage, perversion; corruption, solecism, malapropism, barbarism; see also **mistreatment** (MISTREAT).

mite¹ /mít/ *n.* small, often parasitic arachnid. □ **mit'y** *adj.*

mite² /mít/ *n.* 1 small sum of money. 2 small object or person.

■ 2 see PARTICLE 2.

mit·er /mítər/ • *n.* 1 tall deeply-cleft head-dress worn by bishops, esp. as a symbol of office. 2 joint of two pieces of wood or other material at an angle of 90°. • *v.* join with a miter. □ **mit'ered** *adj.*

mit·i·gate /mitigayt/ *v.tr.* make milder or less intense or severe (*your offer certainly mitigated their hostility*). □ **mit'i·ga·ble** *adj.* **mit'i·ga·tion** /-gáyshən/ *n.* **mit'i·ga·tor** *n.* **mit'i·ga·to·ry** /-gətáwree/ *adj.*

■ moderate, temper, reduce, abate, lessen, decrease, calm, tranquilize, soothe, placate, still, soften, dull.

mit·o·sis /mítósis/ *n.* *Biol.* type of cell division that results in two nuclei each having the full number of chromosomes. □ **mit·otic** /-tóik/ *adj.*

mit·ral /mít·rəl/ *adj.* of or like a miter. □ **mit·ral valve** two-cusped valve between the left atrium and the left ventricle of the heart.

mitt /mít/ *n.* 1 baseball glove with mitten-like finger section. 2 = MITTEN. 3 *sl.* hand or fist. 4 glove leaving the fingers and thumb-tip exposed.

mit·ten /mít'n/ *n.* glove with two sections, one for the thumb and the other for all four fingers. □ **mit'tened** *adj.*

mix /miks/ • *v.* 1 *tr.* combine; blend; put together. 2 *tr.* prepare by combining the ingredients. 3 *intr.* a join, be mixed, or combine, esp. readily. b be compatible. c be sociable (*must learn to mix*). 4 *intr.* (followed by *in*) participate in. • *n.* 1 a mixing; mixture. b proportion of materials, etc., in a mixture. 2 ingredients prepared commercially for making a cake, concrete, etc. 3 merging of film pictures or sound. □ **be mixed up in** (or **with**) be involved in or with (esp. something undesirable). **mix up** 1 mix thoroughly. 2 confuse; mistake the identity of. **mix-up** *n.* confusion, misunderstanding, or mistake. □ **mix'able** *adj.*

■ *v.* 1 merge, unite, alloy, mingle, intermingle; incorporate, put together, stir, mix up. 2 see PREPARE 2. 3 a blend, merge, unite, mingle, intermingle. b go together. 3c, 4 socialize; fraternize, consort, hobnob, go around or about, associate. • *n.* 1 a see MIXTURE. □ **be mixed up in** or **with** be implicated in, be included in, be connected with, be drawn into. **mix up** 1 see MIX *v.* 1, 3 above. 2 confound, bewilder, muddle, perplex; snarl, ensnarl, tangle; misidentify; interchange, exchange. **mix**

up mess, muddle, hodgepodge, tangle, *sl.* screwup, snafu.

mixed /míks/ *adj.* 1 of diverse qualities or elements. 2 containing persons from various backgrounds, both genders, etc.

□ **mixed bag** diverse assortment of things or persons. **mixed blessing** thing having advantages and disadvantages. **mixed-up** *colloq.* mentally or emotionally confused; socially ill-adjusted.

■ 1 diversified, assorted, heterogeneous, sundry; (of ancestry, etc.) hybrid, half-bred, mongrel; (of feelings, etc.) confused, muddled, conflicting.

mix·er /míksər/ *n.* 1 device for mixing foods, etc. 2 drink to be mixed with another. 3 *Broadcasting & Cinematog.* device for merging two or more audio or video input signals.

mix·ture /míks·chər/ *n.* 1 process of mixing or being mixed. 2 result of mixing; something mixed; combination of ingredients, qualities, characteristics, etc.

■ 1 amalgamation, combination, blend, association, synthesis. 2 assortment, amalgam, amalgamation, medley, compound, alloy, composite, blend, jumble, mix, miscellany.

miz·zen·mast /mízən·mást/ *n.* mast next aft of a ship's mainmast.

ml *abbr.* milliliter(s).

Mlle. *abbr.* (pl. **Mlles.**) Mademoiselle.

mm *abbr.* millimeter(s).

MM. *abbr.* Messieurs.

Mme. *abbr.* (pl. **Mmes.**) Madame.

MN *abbr.* Minnesota (in official postal use).

Mn *abbr.* Chem. manganese.

mne·mon·ic /nimónik/ • *adj.* of or designed to aid the memory. • *n.* mnemonic device. □ **mne·mon'ic·al·ly** *adv.*

MO *abbr.* 1 Missouri (in official postal use). 2 money order.

Mo *abbr.* Chem. molybdenum.

Mo. *abbr.* Missouri.

moan /mōn/ • *n.* 1 long, low plaintive sound. 2 complaint; grievance. • *v.intr.* 1 make a moan or moans. 2 *colloq.* complain or grumble. □ **moan'er** *n.* **moan'ing·ly** *adv.*

■ *n.* 1 lament, lamentation, groan, wail, ululation, sigh, sob, cry; sigh. 2 grumble, *colloq.* grouse, gripe, *sl.* beef. • *v.* 1 sigh, cry, wail, sob; mourn, lament, bemoan, weep. 2 lament, groan, wail, whine.

moat /mōt/ *n.* deep defensive ditch around a castle, town, etc., usu. filled with water.

mob /mob/ • *n.* 1 disorderly crowd; rabble. 2 (prec. by *the*) usu. derog. the populace.

3 = MAFIA. • *v.tr.* (**mobbed**, **mob·bing**) crowd around in order to attack or admire. □ **mob'ber** *n.*

■ *n.* 1 horde, host, legion, press, throng, pack, herd, swarm, crush. 2 (*the mob*) the rabble, the riffraff, the proletariat, the (general) public, the masses. • *v.* jostle, throng, surround, beset, clamor over.

mo·bile /móbəl, -beel, -bíl/ • *adj.* 1 movable; able to move easily. 2 readily changing its expression. 3 transportable in a motor vehicle. 4 (of a person) able to change his or her social status. • *n.* /-beel/ decorative structure that may be hung so as

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to turn freely. □ **mobile home** able structure usu. parked at residence. □ **mo·bil·i·ty** /m

■ *adj.* 1, 3 nonstationary; portabilized, traveling; agile, versatile, sensitive, animated, pliability see MOTION *n.* 1.

mo·bi·lize /móbiliz/ *v.* 1 *tr.* service or action (esp. troop war). 2 *intr.* be organized. □ **mo'bi·liz·a·ble** *adj.* **mo'bi·liz·er** *n.*

■ 1 assemble, marshal, enlist.

mob·ster /móbstər/ *n.* *sl.* gang; leather slipper or shoe.

mo·ca·sin /mókəsin/ *n.* soft leather slipper or shoe.

mo·cha /móka/ *n.* 1 coffee of beverage or flavoring made with chocolate added.

mock /mok/ • *v.tr.* 1 ridicule; mimic contemptuously. 3 jeer lude contemptuously. • *attr.* imitation; pretended. □ **mo·cimental** model or replica of structure, etc. □ **mock'·a·ble** *adj.*

■ *v.* 1, 3 deride, make fun of; taunt, tantalize, gibe (at), cheat, *colloq.* rib, kid. 2 ape, imitate, lampoon, satirize, *colloq.* off. • *adj.* substitute, artificial, fake, synthetic, false, ersatz, 1

mock·ery /mókəree/ *n.* (pl. *sion*; ridicule. 2 absurdly inad tile action, etc.

■ 1 disdain, taunting, dispar abuse, scorn. 2 travesty, farce see also JOKE *n.* 2.

mock·ing·bird /mókingbórd/ *n.* mimics the notes of other birds.

mod /mod/ *colloq.* *adj.* modern; of dress.

mod·al /mód'l/ *adj.* 1 of mode Gram. a of the mood of a v auxiliary verb, e.g., *would* use the mood of another verb. 3 *N.* a style of music using a part □ **mod'al·ly** *adv.*

mode /mōd/ *n.* 1 way or manner a thing is done; method of prevailing fashion or custom of several types of scale. 4 *Gra*

■ 1 method, approach, form fashion, procedure. 2 style, i trend, rage, craze, fad.

mod·el /mód'l/ • *n.* 1 repre three dimensions of an existi thing or of a proposed struc a smaller scale (often attrib. 2 simplified description of a to assist calculations and p particular design or style, esj exemplary person or thing. 1

played to pose for an artist pher or to display clothes, etc them. • *v.* 1 *tr.* fashion, shap model. 2 *a* *intr.* act or pose a *tr.* display (a garment). □ *n*

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ältö/ *n.* parasitic plant grow-
ing on other trees and bearing
red berries.

f MISTAKE.
stret/ *v.tr.* treat badly.

ment *n.*
reat, wrong; damage, harm;
treatment abuse, mal-
use; molestation, brutaliza-
ing-up.

ris/ **n.** 1 female head of a
woman in authority. **3**
than his wife with whom
in has a (usu. prolonged)
ship.
friend, kept woman, the
inamorata.

räl/ **n.** trial rendered invalid
error.

rüst/ **v.tr.** 1 be suspicious
confidence in. **n.** 1 suspi-
confidence.
distrust, doubt, misdoubt,
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adj. **mit-i-gation** /-gáyshən/ *n.* **mit'i-**
gator *n.* **mit'i-gatory** /-gótáwree/ *adj.*

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lessen, decrease, calm, tranquilize, soothe,
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or being mixed. **2** result of mixing; some-
thing mixed; combination of ingredients,
qualities, characteristics, etc.*

n. 1 amalgamation, combination, blend,
association, synthesis. **2** assortment, amal-
gam, amalgamation, medley, compound,
alloy, composite, blend, jumble, mix,
miscellany.

miz-zen-mast /míznəməst/ *n.* mast next aft
of a ship's mainmast.

ml *abbr.* milliliter(s).

Mill. *abbr.* (pl. Miles.) Mademoiselle.

mm *abbr.* millimeter(s).

MM. *abbr.* Messieurs.

Mme. *abbr.* (pl. Mmes.) Madame.

MN *abbr.* Minnesota (in official postal use).

Mn *symp.* Chem. manganese.

mne-mon-ic /nimónik/ **v.** of or designed
to aid the memory. **n.** mnemonic device.
mnemon'ic-ally *adv.*

MO *abbr.* 1 Missouri (in official postal use).
2 money order.

Mo *symp.* Chem. molybdenum.

Mo. *abbr.* Missouri.

moan /mōn/ **n.** 1 long, low plaintive
sound. **2** complaint; grievance. **v.intr.** 1
make a moan or moans. **2** *colloq.* complain
or grumble. **moan'er** *n.* **moan'ing-**
ly *adv.*

n. 1 lament, lamentation, groan, wail,
ululation, sigh, sob, cry; sough. **2** grumble,
colloq. grouse, gripe, *sl.* beef. **v.** 1 sigh,
cry, wail, sob; mourn, lament, bemoan,
weep. **2** lament, groan, wail, whine.

moat /mōt/ *n.* deep defensive ditch around
a castle, town, etc., usu. filled with water.

mob /mob/ **n.** 1 disorderly crowd; rabble.
2 (prec. by *the*) usu. *derog.* the populace.
3 = MAFIA. **v.tr.** (mobbed, mob-bing)
crowd around in order to attack or admire.
mob'ber *n.*

n. 1 horde, host, legion, press, throng,
pack, herd, swarm, crush. **2** (the mob)
the rabble, the riffraff, the proletariat, the
(general) public, the masses. **v.** jostle,
throng, surround, beset, clamor over.

mo-bile /móbəl, -beel, -bīl/ *adj.* 1 mova-
ble; able to move easily. **2** readily changing
its expression. **3** transportable in a motor
vehicle. **4** (of a person) able to change
his or her social status. **n.** /-beel/ deco-
rative structure that may be hung so as

to turn freely. **n.** **mobile home** transport-
able structure usu. parked and used as a
residence. **mo-bil-i-ty** /móbilitē/ *n.*

adj. 1, 3 nonstationary; portable; mo-
torized, traveling; agile, versatile. **2** expres-
sive, sensitive, animated, plastic. **mo-**
bility see MOTION **n.** 1.

mo-bi-lize /móbiliz/ *v.* 1 *tr.* organize for
service or action (esp. troops in time of
war). **2** *intr.* be organized in this way.
mo'bi-liz-a-ble *adj.* **mo'bi-li'za'tion**
n. **mo'bi-liz'er** *n.*

n. 1 assemble, marshal, conscript, enroll,
enlist.

mob-ster /móbstər/ *n.* *sl.* gangster.

mo-c-a-sin /mókəsin/ *n.* soft, flat-soled
leather slipper or shoe.

mo-cha /mókə/ *n.* 1 coffee of fine quality. **2**
beverage or flavoring made with this, often
with chocolate added.

mock /mok/ **v.tr.** 1 ridicule; scoff at. **2**
mimic contemptuously. **3** jeer, defy, or de-
lude contemptuously. **attrib. adj.** sham;
imitation; pretended. **n.** **mock-up** experi-
mental model or replica of a proposed
structure, etc. **mo'ck'a-ble** *adj.* **mo'ck'-**
er *n.* **mo'ck'ing-ly** *adv.*

v. 1, 3 deride, make fun of, tease,
taunt, tantalize, gibe (at), chaff, laugh
at, *colloq.* rib, kid. **2** ape, imitate, carica-
ture, lampoon, satirize, *colloq.* spoof, take
off. **adj.** substitute, artificial, simulated,
fake, synthetic, false, ersatz, feigned.

mo'ck-ery /mókəree/ *n.* (pl. -ies) 1 deri-
sion; ridicule. **2** absurdly inadequate or fu-
tile action, etc.

n. 1 disdain, taunting, disparagement,
abuse, scorn. **2** travesty, farce, absurdity;
see also JOKE **n.** 2.

mo'ck-ing-bird /mókíngbárd/ *n.* bird that
mimics the notes of other birds.

mod /mod/ *colloq.* *adj.* modern, esp. in style
of dress.

mod-al /mód'l/ *adj.* 1 of mode or form. **2**
Gram. a of the mood of a verb. b (of an
auxiliary verb, e.g., *would*) used to express
the mood of another verb. **3** *Mus.* denoting
a style of music using a particular mode.
mo'd-a-l'y *adv.*

mode /mód/ *n.* 1 way or manner in which
a thing is done; method of procedure. **2**
prevailing fashion or custom. **3** *Mus.* any
of several types of scale. **4** *Gram.* = MOOD².

n. 1 method, approach, form, course,
fashion, procedure. **2** style, look, vogue;
trend, rage, craze, fad.

mod-el /mód'l/ **n.** 1 representation in
three dimensions of an existing person or
thing or of a proposed structure, esp. on a
smaller scale (often *attrib.*: model train).
2 simplified description of a system, etc.,
to assist calculations and predictions. **3**
particular design or style, esp. of a car. **4**
exemplary person or thing. **5** person em-
ployed to pose for an artist or photogra-
pher or to display clothes, etc., by wearing
them. **v.** 1 *tr.* fashion, shape, or form a
model. **2** *a* *intr.* act or pose as a model. **b**
tr. display (a garment). **mo'd-el'er** *n.*

n. 1 replica, mock-up, maquette, min-
iature, dummy; image, likeness. **3** kind,